

November 20, 2008

**MERCER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
LOCAL/STATE BOARD FACILITIES HEARING REPORT**

A local/state public hearing was held at the Mercer County Board of Education, 371 E. Lexington Street, Harrodsburg, KY, on November 20, 2008, at 5:30 PM EST. The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the Mercer County Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 17-0 in favor of the proposed new plan and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the new plan.

There were (16) individuals in attendance. Grover M. Canty, Kentucky School Boards Association, served as the locally-appointed hearing officer. There were 13 people employed by Mercer Co. Schools, one parent and two newly elected local board of education members present for the public hearing.

**COMMENTS**

Mr. Mike Barnard, chairman of the LPC, called the public hearing to order. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. It was also noted that all considerations will be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report. The hearing officer read the proposed new District Facility Plan that includes: **Projects in Priority number two at Mercer Co. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy/Alternative School, Mercer County Middle School, Hughes Jones Area Technical School, Mercer County Elementary School, King Elementary School, Harlow Early Childhood Learning Center, Mercer Adult Learning Center and Mercer County Technology Center. There are no projects in Priority Three. There are 4 projects in Priority Number Four: Central Bus Garage, Central Office, Central Maintenance/Storage and the Central Office Annex. Discretionary projects in Priority Number Five include: Mercer County Senior High School, Mercer County Middle School, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Field house, King Elementary School and Harlow Early Childhood Learning Center.**

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. There was no one in the audience who requested to speak and there was no written testimony presented. However, two members did ask questions. Ms. Marsha Durr asked if consideration could be given to a PS-2 center in place of a PS-K center. A second question was asked by board member elect Pattie Burke asking if the need arose could the plan be amended.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the new District Facility Plan developed by the Mercer County Local Planning Committee and adopted by the Mercer County Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the Mercer County School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

**Grover M. Canty (KSBA), Hearing Officer**

cc: Mark W. Ryles, Director  
Planning File

Reviewed by,

**Timothy K. Lucas, KDE Planning Branch Mgr.**

Attachments: Local/State Board Public Hearing Agenda  
Mercer County School District Facility Plan, Board Order  
Approving Hearing Officer Report and DFP. Recording of  
Public Hearing.